Farmers: Frequently Asked Questions Fruit and Vegetable Checks

A participant hands you a check that says it's for "Milk." Can you accept it?

No. Only the Fruit and Vegetable Checks are allowed at the Farmers' Market, even if you sell milk.

Can Green guaje, Xoconxtle (prickly pear), Watercress, purslane, Alfalfa sprouts, Mung bean sprouts, Bamboo, ginger root, Tamarind in pods, Fresh dates, Wheat grass from sprouted wheat, Rhubarb, Chili peppers, Sugar cane, Garlic, plain paste garlic, and chopped garlic be purchased with the FVC? Yes, all fruits and vegetables are allowed. Please see the WIC Authorized Food List Shopping Guide, Page 20 for more information.

What if a participant would like to buy \$5 of fruit from you and \$5 of vegetables from a farmer next to you, but they only have one \$10 Fruit & Vegetable Check? Politely explain that the participant can only use the check at one farm stall.

What happens if I accept the check after the last date to use or before the first date to use? You will not be paid for the check. If you try to deposit it into the bank, you could potentially get check fees from the bank and/or disqualification from FVC.

Can a WIC participant pay the difference in cash if the price of a WIC food exceeds the maximum allowable rate? Yes. Fill in the maximum allowed on the check and accept alternative payment from the participant. For example: Purchase is \$12.25 and the check amount is \$10. You would write \$10 on the check and then accept another form of payment for \$2.25.



The participant doesn't have their WIC ID Folder. Can I accept a driver's license for identification? No. You cannot accept a driver's license or any other form of identification in place of, or in addition to, the WIC ID Folder when accepting checks.

What if the participant's or the alternate shopper's signature is not on the WIC ID Folder? Return the check & WIC ID folder to the participant or alternate shopper. Politely explain that the WIC ID Folder is invalid without his/her signature.

